



Sermon Highlights

Overcoming Insignificance: Using Your God-Given Talents

Sermon Summary:

This sermon explores the parable of the talents from Matthew 25, emphasizing that every believer is significant to God and has been given abilities to use for His glory. Bert Harper encourages listeners to overcome feelings of insignificance, fear of failure, and mistrust in God's character. He stresses the importance of faithfulness in using whatever talents or abilities God has given, regardless of their perceived value or quantity.

Key Points:

- Everyone is significant to God, regardless of their talents or abilities
- Comparing oneself to others can lead to feelings of insignificance
- God calls us to be faithful with what we have, not with what others have
- Fear of unfavorable circumstances should not prevent us from using our talents
- Misinformation about God's character can hinder our willingness to serve
- The fear of failure should not stop us from trying to use our gifts
- Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone

Scripture Reference:

- Matthew 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

Stories:

- The Bert Harper's son preferring money gifts for his birthday
- Frank Borman's story about blackbirds overcoming fear of a scarecrow to eat strawberries
- The story of Shirley, who started by changing diapers in the nursery and grew in her abilities to serve
- Joyce, who used her bread-baking talent to minister to others
- Personal anecdotes from the Bert Harper's life, including his struggles with speech and hyperactivity
- References to biblical narratives such as the 12 spies, Peter walking on water, and the Ethiopian eunuch